to the State Governments for undertaking "Food for Work" programmes and also "Greening India Campaign".

(vi) Foodgrains are allocated at BPL rates for development schemes, implemented by NGOs, sponsored by the State Governments and administrative Ministry in the Government of India and also by International Organisations like World Food Programme.

(vii) Open market sales of 50 lakh MTs of wheat and 10 lakh MTs of rice has been permitted at prices to be determined by the existing high level committee of FCI.

(viii) Wheat and rice are being provided free of cost under Samporna Gramin Rojgar Yojana sponsored by Ministry of Rural Development.

PDS in Kerala

3848. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala has submitted any fresh proposals to strengthen the existing Public Distribution System in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding the PDS offtake in Since Kerala 1999-2000 onwards; and

(d) whether Government plan any specific PDS programmes for those States facing shortage of foodgrains production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Kerala had requested for financial assistance of Rs. 179.75 lakhs during 2001-02 for construction of four godowns with a total capacity of 8000 MTs. and Rs. 374 lakh for construction of 10 godowns with a total capacity of 14,700 MTs during 2001-2002. The proposal for construction of four godowns at an estimated cost of

Rs. 179.75 lakhs was sanctioned. However, the subsequent proposal for 10 godowns could not be sanctioned due to budgetory constraints.

(c) Offtake under the TPDS in Kerala since 1999-2000 is as under:—

Year	Wheat	Rice	Total
1999-2000	237.00	1191.00	1428.000
2000-2001	30.212	488.950	519.162
2001-2002	98.533	454.006	552.539

(d) Public Distribution System (PDS) has always been supplemental in nature and has never intended to meet the full requirement of any individual/section of the society. However, in view of the comfortable stock position of foodgrains in the Central Pool the allocation of foodgrains to the BPL and Antyodaya families has been increased from 25 kg per family per month to 35 kg per family per month *w.e.f.* 1.4.2002. Allocation for the APL families has been fixed at 35 kg per family per month.

Capacity of warehouses

3849. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of FCI warehouses in the country, State-wise;

(b) the original capacity of these warehouses alongwith the details of the surplus stock of foodgrains piled up in these warehouses;

(c) whether Government have distributed any quantity of foodgrains' to calamitous situations, like drought and flood, in the country or other countries during the last year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?